

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Appointments Committee held on Thursday, 17 July 2025 at the Box 17 - Halton Stadium, Widnes

Present: Councillors Wharton (Chair), Davidson, Dennett, Ratcliffe and Thompson

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Wainwright

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: R. Rout and W. Rourke

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE COMMITTEE

Action

APC6 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 May 2025, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read and agreed as a correct record.

APC7 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Committee considered:

- 1) whether members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Committee during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and
- 2) whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public

interest test and exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business, in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

APC8 STAFFING MATTER

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director – Environment and Regeneration, detailing retention issues in an area of the Directorate.

RESOLVED: That the Committee approve the attached application for payment of a market supplement (Appendix 1).

APC9 STAFFING MATTER

The Committee considered a report of the Corporate Director Chief Executive's Delivery Unit, proposing arrangements to ensure that senior level capacity is available in the Chief Executive's Delivery Unit for the duration of the Corporate Director's secondment to the Interim Chief Executive position, from 1 September 2025.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the report be noted; and
- 2) the Committee approves the recommended approach set out as the preferred option (Option 3) in the report.

Meeting ended at 10.02 a.m.